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SECRETARY-COORDINATOR

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015

Director of Engineering Conference Room – 7th Floor City Hall

Attendees

Stephen Klute – Chairman
Karl Dahlen – Vice Chairman
David Wilkinson – Secretary
Robert Longworth – Joint Base Langley/Eustis Representative
Winston Collins – Citizen
John Cullotta – Citizen
Jack Gergely – Citizen
John Meyer – Citizen
DJ Pointer – NNPD Representative
Marty Scott – NNPD Representative
Dwight Jenkins – DMV Representative
Robert Weber – VDOT Representative

I. Call to order

A. Opening Comments from Chairman, Stephen Klute

II. Old Business

A. Review and adoption of May 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** to adopt by Commissioner Longworth, Seconded by Vice Chairman Dahlen – **PASSED**

B. Status of Safety Commission FY2016 Goals and Initiatives

- 1) **Commissioner Conrad**, with assistance from Commissioner Phillips Bicycle Friendly City Plan with final recommendations package with draft memo for City Council consideration to be prepared by the May 2016 Commission meeting.
 - Neither Commissioner Conrad or Commissioner Phillips present, no information forwarded – discussed tabled till next meeting.
- 2) **Secretary Wilkinson**, update the Commissions Web Page with “Draft” page ready for review at the November 2015 Commission meeting and “Final” page presented at the February 2016 Commission meeting.
 - No information to present at this time.



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- 3) **Commissioner Sturgis**, with assistance from NNPD non-voting members, develop the Commissions nomination packages for the 2016 Governors Transportation Safety Award to be prepared by the February 2016 Commission meeting.
 - No information to present at this time.
- 4) **Commissioner Sturgis**, with assistance from NNPD non-voting members, develop the Commissions 2016 Employee Safety Award Program with the information package to Dept. Directors by the November 2015 Commission meeting and nominations to be received for review by the commission on the February 2016 Commission meeting.
 - No information to present at this time.
- 5) **Commissioner Myer**, with assistance from Commissioner Coleman and Chairman Klute, develop a Roadway Maintenance Safety Recommendation package with cover memo to the Director of Public Works (coping the Director of Engineering) that looks at streets throughout the City that are rough, often patched, with unsafe road surfaces and poor drainage.
 - Scheduling field review meeting(s).
- 6) **Commissioner Coleman**, develop a Legislative Recommendation package with cover memo to City Council that deals with the unlicensed/revoked license habitual offenders still operating a vehicle.
 - Commissioner Coleman was not present, no information forwarded – discussed tabled till next meeting.
- 7) **Chairmen Klute**, develop a Transportation Safety Legislative Package with cover memo to City Council of general legislative issues that are of special interest to the commission and recommend City leadership to pursue those issues with State legislators. The package and memo are to be prepared by the May 2016 Commission meeting.
 - No information to present at this time.



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III. New Business

A. Staff presentation, "VDOT Update" – Representative Weber

- I- 64 Widening Segment 1 (Jefferson Ave – Ft. Eustis Blvd) 6 laneing had the ground breaking on Sept. 8, 2015
- I- 64 Widening Segment 2 (Ft. Eustis Blvd – to the 1st Rt. 199 Exit) 6 laneing is slated to go out to bid within the next 6 months
- I- 64 Widening Segment 3 (1st Rt. 199 Exit to the 2nd Rt. 199 Exit) 6 laneing will be the last segment within this general project
- The Rt. 58 to Franklin intersection is to be rebuilt as an interchange
- VDOT conducted a contraflow drill on I-64 converting the EB flow to WB in July for Hurricane readiness
- VDOT is constructing a continuous flow intersection in Norfolk at Military Highway and North Hampton Blvd
- I-564 Intermodal connector broke ground in July
 - Comment from Commissioner Gergely, the 3rd Crossing Enviromental Document is considered obsolete and a new one will need to be prepared

B. Staff presentation, "*DUI Issues in Newport News*" – NN Police Department

- See attached.

C. Staff presentation, "*Red Light Confirmation Lights*" – Secretary Wilkinson

- See attached

D. Election of Officers

- Chairman – floor nominated Steve Klute
- Vice Chairman – floor nominated Karl Dahlen
- Secretary/Coordinator – floor nominated David Wilkinson
- **Motion** to adopt by slate of officers as nominated by Commissioner Gergely, Seconded by Commissioner Longworth – **PASSED**



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E. Commission Vacancies

- Commissioner Sturgis – NNPD Representative is retiring from the City effective Sept. 1, 2015. It has been requested that the Chief review this vacancy and recommend a replacement.
- Commissioner Cavone – Student Representative, 1st term expires Oct 2015. She has graduated CNU is no longer eligible to serve. It has been requested that the CNU's Dean of students review this vacancy and recommend a replacement.
- Vice Chairman Dahlen, 1st term expires Oct 2015 he is eligible for another four year term and has expressed interest in continuing with the Commission.
 - **Motion** to recommend to Council to extend Vice Chairman Dahlen's term to City Council by Commissioner Secretary Wilkinson, Seconded by Commissioner Meyer – **PASSED**

F. Open Floor

- Secretary Wilkinson noted that recently the City has received site plans for 2 new 7-Eleven stores and 7 Grocery stores.
- Representative Weber extended an offer to tour either the M&M Bridge/Tunnel or regional traffic operation center.

IV. Other Business

- A. Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2015 @ 2:00 pm Location to be determined.
- B. What other staff reports does the Commission want to hear?
 - Top 5 I & NAI – May 2016

V. Adjourned: 3:30 pm